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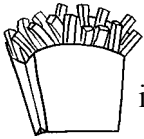


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## COLD STORAGE



Total fresh apples in storage for Washington on March 31, 2004, totaled 1,386.8 million pounds, (33.0 million boxes), which accounted for 68 percent of the Nation's fresh apples in storage. The quantity in storage was 29 percent below last year's level.

Frozen french fries in storage for the three Pacific Coast States and eight Mountain States on March 31, 2004, totaled 664.6 million pounds, or accounted for 72 percent of the Nation's french fries in storage.

## STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, BY STATE & UNITED STATES

Commodity	March 31, 2003	February 29, 2004	March 31, 2004
<b>1,000 Pounds</b>			
<b>Apples, Fresh</b>			
California	20,519	35,117	24,897
Michigan	83,016	222,665	169,470
New York	120,624	223,734	158,634
Oregon	17,526	18,566	14,244
Pennsylvania	109,976	164,877	125,997
<b>Washington</b>	<b>1,715,784</b>	<b>1,971,018</b>	<b>1,386,798</b>
Regular Storage	140,004	312,963	186,329
Controlled Atmosphere	2,048,128	2,533,968	1,842,505
<b>48 States Total</b>	<b>2,188,132</b>	<b>2,846,931</b>	<b>2,028,834</b>
<b>Potatoes, French Fries</b>			
Mountain	218,658	193,083	186,566
Pacific	452,776	458,238	478,044
<b>48 States Total</b>	<b>950,228</b>	<b>930,547</b>	<b>919,531</b>
<b>Potatoes, Total</b>			
Mountain	259,931	249,469	232,901
Pacific	580,672	593,592	614,261
<b>48 States Total</b>	<b>1,217,364</b>	<b>1,207,358</b>	<b>1,191,837</b>

## POULTRY

Washington egg production for March 2004 totaled 111 million, 2 percent less than last year. The total number of layers during March 2004 was 4.9 million, slightly lower than last year. The eggs per hundred layers for Washington averaged 2,245, up 4 percent from March 2003. All layers in the United States on April 1, 2004, totaled 342 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 7.03 billion eggs during March 2004, up 10 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers in the 30 major states during March 2004, at 318 million, was up slightly from a year ago.

*Preliminary 2002 Census data were used in the review process for the revised 2002 and 2003 layer and egg estimates in this table. The revised estimates may appear disjointed from historical data until the release of the 5-year Final Estimates publications which are scheduled for April 29, 2004.*

### LAYER & EGG PRODUCTION, MARCH 2003-2004, SELECTED STATES 1/

State & Year	All Layers 2/	Eggs Per 100 Layers 2/	Egg Production	April 1	
				Being Molted	Molt Completed
	<b>1,000</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Millions</b>	<b>Percent</b>	
California					
2003	20,749	2,222	461	2.5	41.0
2004	20,529	2,246	461	1.5	29.0
Iowa					
2003	38,812	2,185	848	2.5	35.0
2004	41,156	2,294	944	4.5	34.5
Ohio					
2003	29,650	2,175	645	5.0	26.5
2004	27,463	2,218	609	3.0	25.0
Oregon					
2003	2,785	2,226	62	4.5	30.0
2004	3,062	2,351	72	1.5	38.5
Pennsylvania					
2003	24,629	2,387	587	2.0	19.0
2004	24,063	2,352	566	2.5	19.0
<b>Washington</b>					
<b>2003</b>	<b>4,954</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>43.5</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>4,944</b>	<b>2,245</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>42.0</b>
30 State Total 3/					
2003	317,154	2,184	6,926	2.2	24.5
2004	317,941	2,210	7,028	2.5	23.3
<b>U. S. TOTAL</b>					
<b>2003</b>	<b>339,885</b>	<b>2,184</b>	<b>7,424</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>24.6</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>340,835</b>	<b>2,209</b>	<b>7,530</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>23.4</b>

1/ 2004 preliminary, 2003 revised.

2/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

3/ Thirty states include: AL, AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, IA, ME, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, NY, NC, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TX, VA, WA, and WI.

## POTATOES

Potatoes stored in Washington state on April 1, 2004, were 21.5 million cwt., down 7 percent from the 23.0 million cwt. in storage on April 1, 2003. April 1 stocks accounted for 23 percent of Washington's 2003 crop. Potato processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) utilized 7.1 million cwt. during March. Accumulated processing for the 2003 season to April 1 was 58.3 million cwt.

### FALL POTATO PRODUCTION & STOCKS ON APRIL 1, 2003-2004 1/

State	2002 Crop			2003 Crop		
	Production	Total Stocks April 1, 2003	April 1 Stocks % of Production	Production	Total Stocks April 1, 2004	April 1 Stocks % of Production
	1,000 Cwt.		Percent	1,000 Cwt.		Percent
California 2/	4,316	1,600	37	3,444	1,500	44
Colorado	27,885	9,900	36	23,652	7,000	30
Idaho	133,385	49,000	37	123,180	46,500	38
Maine	16,960	6,300	37	17,030	6,500	38
Michigan	13,878	2,900	21	15,015	3,100	21
Minnesota 2/	18,810	6,100	32	22,330	7,600	34
Montana	3,224	1,900	59	3,339	2,100	63
Nebraska 3/	8,611			9,860		
New York	5,500	220	4	6,510	750	12
North Dakota	23,460	7,900	34	27,440	11,200	41
Ohio 2/ 3/	902			1,290		
Oregon	24,936	7,500	30	20,991	8,300	40
Pennsylvania 2/	2,128	400	19	3,915	500	13
<b>Washington 2/</b>	<b>92,340</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>93,150</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>23</b>
Wisconsin 2/	30,750	7,100	23	32,800	7,300	22
Other States		2,050			2,560	
<b>15 State Total 2/</b>	<b>407,085</b>	<b>125,870</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>403,946</b>	<b>126,410</b>	<b>31</b>

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2003 totaled 28.3 million cwt.

2/ 2002 production revised in Field Crops, Final Estimates 1997-2002 publication released March 17, 2004. Stocks will be revised in Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes, Final Estimates 1997-2002 publication tentatively scheduled for release August 20, 2004.

3/ Nebraska and Ohio combined into "Other States".

### POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING 1/, NINE STATES, 2002 & 2003 CROPS

State	Storage Season	To Dec. 1	To Jan. 1	To Feb. 1	To Mar. 1	To Apr. 1	To May 1	To Jun 1	Total
		1,000 Cwt.							
Idaho & OR (Malheur Co.)	2002-03	28,380	34,860	41,200	48,600	56,240	63,840	71,280	85,390
	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>24,310</b>	<b>30,730</b>	<b>36,260</b>	<b>43,640</b>	<b>49,570</b>	-	-	-
Maine 2/	2002-03	2,230	2,715	3,345	3,905	4,505	5,225	5,905	7,835
	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>1,590</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>3,415</b>	<b>4,105</b>	-	-	-
<b>WA &amp; OR (Other Co.)</b>	2002-03	33,680	39,490	44,190	51,920	58,710	64,300	71,480	79,110
	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>32,670</b>	<b>38,520</b>	<b>43,610</b>	<b>51,210</b>	<b>58,280</b>	-	-	-
Other States 3/	2002-03	12,190	14,865	17,865	20,740	23,580	26,000	29,075	36,705
	<b>2003-04 4/</b>	<b>12,570</b>	<b>15,410</b>	<b>18,760</b>	<b>21,885</b>	<b>25,055</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total Nine States</b>	2002-03	76,480	91,930	106,600	125,165	143,035	159,365	177,740	209,040
	<b>2003-04 4/</b>	<b>71,140</b>	<b>86,755</b>	<b>101,355</b>	<b>120,150</b>	<b>137,010</b>	-	-	-
<b>Dehydrated 5/</b>	2002-03	15,670	19,660	23,710	27,950	31,910	36,105	40,455	48,943
	<b>2003-04 4/</b>	<b>14,250</b>	<b>18,370</b>	<b>22,050</b>	<b>26,090</b>	<b>30,290</b>	-	-	-

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the state in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in CO, ME, MI, and WI.

2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

3/ CO, MN, NV, ND, & WI.

4/ March revised.

5/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

## CATTLE ON FEED, 1,000 HEAD CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, 2004

ITEM	IDAHO	WASHINGTON	U.S. TOTAL
	<b>1,000 Head</b>		
Cattle on Feed, March 1 1/	265	175	10,977
Placed on Feed During March	39	29	1,804
Fed Cattle Marketed During March	46	33	1,966
Other Disappearances during March 2/	3	1	67
Cattle on Feed, April 1 1/	255	170	10,748

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

## MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Month/Year	Idaho	Washington	20 State Total 1/
Milk Cows 2/ (1,000 Head)	Mar. 2003	395	248	7,810
	Feb. 2004 *	412	240	7,716
	Mar. 2004	413	240	7,714
Milk Per Cow 3/ (Pounds)	Mar. 2003	1,850	1,950	1,666
	Feb. 2004 *	1,660	1,790	1,528
	Mar. 2004	1,810	1,925	1,656
Milk Production 3/ (Million Pounds)	Mar. 2003	731	484	13,014
	Feb. 2004 *	684	430	11,787
	Mar. 2004	748	462	12,776

1/ Twenty states include: AZ, CA, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA, & WI.

2/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

\* Revised.